

TEXICO NEWS BRIEFS

I should say we had a Merry Christmas. Everyone seemed to be imbued with the spirit of "make others happy and you will be happy too," for none were forgotten.

All Christmas programs were well attended and very appreciative attention given to the entertainers. We sometimes wish Christmas would come more often.

Miss Evelyn Looney has resigned her position as clerk in Triplett Bros. store, Mrs. Struble filling the vacancy.

Ogden King entertained a host of school friends last Monday night with a birthday social. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening and departed wishing Ogden's birthday came more frequently.

Mrs. E. G. Blair and children, who spent the holidays visiting relatives at Slaton, Texas, returned home this week.

The Plains Buying and Selling store changes hands this week. Mr. Thomas goes to Clovis as general manager of the chain, and Mr. J. N. Parrett and son, Jay, will assume management of the Farwell store.

Mrs. Hazel Weir of Friona is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, this week.

We are delighted to report that Mr. H. E. Guy is rapidly improving from his recent operation and expects to be on the job soon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dotson entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock luncheon last Wednesday evening.

Miss Ada Bell Thatcher, former Texico-Farwell teacher but who is teaching at Hagerman this term, is spending the holidays visiting friends here. She will return to work Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Jenkins, an old timer here and for several years chief telegraph operator at the Santa Fe depot, is leaving soon to accept a position in the north Panhandle as station agent. We will miss Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and our best wishes go with them to their new home.

Mr. Hartshorn came home for the holidays but will return to work in a few days.

Prof. B. H. Hewitt was visiting old friends here during the holidays. The

Professor is teaching at House, N. M., this year.

A "white and blue" tag campaign was instituted on Christmas eve by Texico-Farwell school children to raise a free will collection to buy presents and treats for the little ones at the Portales Orphan's Home. They collected as follows: blues, \$22.00; whites, \$16.00. This was immediately sent to the home.

The Carter home will entertain Mrs. Vinyard's and Mrs. Graham's Sunday school classes at the parsonage Friday night, the occasion being in honor of Bro. Carter's son who is home from college for the holidays.

Texico-Farwell schools will re-open Monday. The remainder of the term will be scheduled to be the best and conclude one of our most successful school years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dotson were delightfully entertained and enjoyed a most excellent Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller last Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Overstreet is driving a new Ford these days.

Knowing very well that you all had a most enjoyable Yuletide, we now come, as Father Time slowly but surely draws the curtain upon the closing scene of 1921, to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Always yours for the good things of life. Arkansas Slim.

S. A. JACKSON ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

S. A. Jackson is a candidate for County Superintendent of Curry County. Mr. Jackson makes the race subject to the action of the Democratic primary election in April. Prof. Jackson is now superintendent of the Ranchvale consolidated school. He has taught in Curry County for a number of years and his experience, his friends say, has put him in touch with rural school matters in such a manner as to qualify him for the important position he seeks.

28,000 MILES OF GOOD ROADS IN 1921

Road building has recovered from the set back received during the war, and prospects are bright for the future. Approximately 14,000 miles of road have been constructed during the present season by the states in conjunction with Federal aid, according to the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of

Agriculture, and probably an equal amount independent of Federal aid. More miles of improved road have been built than during any other year.

Costs of road grading and construction with local materials is practically down to the 1914 level. Some reductions, also, have been made in freight rates on road materials. The importance of this item is shown by the fact that in some cases it has been estimated that increased freight rates have added 10 per cent to the cost of a road. Prices of manufactured road materials tend downward; the present level is materially lower than that of a year ago.

With the new appropriation by Congress of \$75,000,000, added impetus will be given to new road construction. Many of the states are considering enlarged amounts of state aid, and the new law will have a tendency to encourage this policy. It will also secure the construction of a system of interstate and intercounty highways, rather than haphazard selection of roads as in some cases in the past.

U. S. PRINTING IN YEAR COVERS 35 SQUARE MILES

Washington, D. C.—If the paper used by the government printing office during the year was laid flat at a thickness of one sheet it would cover approximately thirty-five square miles, and if made into octavo books, piled one on the other, they would soar 500 miles into the air, Public Printer Carter estimates in his annual report.

For printing and binding 50,000,000 pounds of paper were used during the fiscal year ended last June 30th. Not all of the paper was needed for printing the Congressional Record, however, as the office gets out various other government publications.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Thos. E. Willmon is a candidate for Treasurer of Curry county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, April 10th. Mr. Willmon has resided in Curry County for a number of years. He has been in the mercantile business in Clovis for the past year but sold out recently. Mr. Willmon promises if elected, to devote his entire time toward making Curry County an efficient treasurer.

To Our Farmer Friends

HERE'S OUR WISH THAT 1922 WILL BRING YOU MORE PROSPERITY THAN 1921.

WE WISH FOR ONE AND ALL A Happy New Year

Cramer Mill and Elevators Co.

WE WANT YOUR GRAIN
Clovis, New Mexico

Observing New Year's

NEW YEAR'S day isn't what it used to be. This is in a small way attributable to the addition to the Constitution of some dry reading matter. In still greater part it is because the international obsession for celebrating whenever Father Time takes a fresh start in piloting the earth around the sun is thousands of years old. The manner of observing the day has changed greatly through the centuries.

The urge to give presents at least once a year was felt even before Christmas and Santa Claus came into the scheme of things, and the ancient Greeks, Chinese, Egyptians and Romans tendered their gifts to one another on the first day of the year. Kings got into the habit of receiving extra gifts from their subjects on these days and liked it so well they began extorting larger and larger sums. This practice got so bad in Rome under the Caesars that Claudius called a halt.

It spread to other countries, however, and the English had their New Year's celebration spoiled annually by rapacious sovereigns until Queen Elizabeth's modest demands of her subjects cut gifts down to a minimum. In those days the celebration of New Year's day had become worldwide. With variations to suit all nationalities, it consisted everywhere of eating, drinking and motley merriment.

Christopher Columbus, so far as is known, was the first white man to jubilate on New Year's day in the western hemisphere. While his ships were undergoing repairs on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti. After this meal, history says, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco. Whether he enjoyed it is not recorded, but he left it to a later generation—Sir Walter Raleigh is generally credited with the function—to introduce tobacco to Europe.

The Pilgrim Fathers and the first families of the older states of the Union enjoyed a quiet holiday as each year came around. They feasted, but not until they had attended religious services.

For 25 years up to the dawn of 1920 and the era of war-time prohibition, the celebration in large cities became noisier and more expensive each year. Thousands used to crowd into places of merriment, while principal thoroughfares were packed with throngs of merry-makers with squawkers, clappers, bells and confetti.

Every hotel and most of the restaurants were jammed with gay diners. In 1908 it was estimated that \$1,000,000 was spent in the New York white-light district on New Year's eve. After that statisticians gave up trying to figure out the sum.



HER RESOLUTION.
"Have you made any good resolutions for the new year?"
"Yes, I'm going to quit busting men's hearts."

When you want that printing in a hurry, try the Clovis News Job Printing Department. Phone 27.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THE MEXICAN CHILDREN

Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Mexican Mission, a delightful time was given by Mrs. J. D. Graham, leader of the work, assisted by Misses Gertrude Hockenull and Blanche Lanewood Stevenson.

The children began gathering at three o'clock dressed in their holiday attire. Some of the mothers also were present, with a few grown ups. In the center of the little building, was a beautiful Christmas tree laden with pretty things all the gift of Mrs. Graham. A program of Christmas carols and recitations was given by the children. It was marvelous to hear them in two languages, those little ones held dear by our blessed Master, singing his praises, and telling of the great love of our God in sending the Christ child to them as well as to us. There is a quaint little organ which is used and Miss Stevenson accompanied them, also Miss Hockenull, with that same grace and pleasure that they often do on the finest instruments. God heard their sweet songs just the same.

Mrs. Velasco, who is a graduate of the Baptist College in Spanish, added greatly in assisting. Mrs. Graham called the names of the children and each received a pretty favor. Mrs. S. D. Dean gave a Christmas Story of "The Master." There were some more sweet carols and Rev. C. W. Stumph

of the Baptist Church closed the exercises with prayer.

The interest in this work is increasing and much is being done in a small way by this noble Christian woman, and her co-laborers. —Contributed.

SOME MAXIMS OF BEN FRANKLIN

You may be too cunning for one, but not for all.

Many would live by their wits, but break for want of stock.

Let thy discontents be thy secrets. As we must account for every idle word, so must we for every idle silence.

He that can have patience can have what he will.

Great talkers, little doers.

A sleeping fox catches no poultry.

If you would have your business done, go; if not, send.

'Tis easier to suppress the first desire, than to satisfy all that follow it.

MISNAMED.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "a man gets de reputation of bein' terrible industrious when he's only fidgety."—Washington Star.

Teacher—"And now who can tell me why we should always be neat and clean?"

Little Grace—"In case of accident, ma'am."

To Our Friends and Customers

We thank you for the favors you have given us in 1921. We are going to strive to make 1922 a satisfactory one for our customers as far as their buying in our line is concerned. May we continue to serve you?

Mandell's

The Store of Quality

Our Thanks For Your 1921 Business

We thank you for the holiday business given us and also for the patronage extended during 1921.

Remember we are prepared to handle your optical business as well as your jewelry repairing.

E. J. Fernigan & Co.
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CLOVIS, N. MEX.